

### REMARKS

Claims 43, 44, 50, 53, 54 and 95 are pending in the application.

Claims 50, 53, 54 and 95 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 43 and 44 stand rejected.

Claim 43 has been amended herein to clarify applicant's claimed invention.

Claim 43 invention is concerned with a switch station including a switch; a control processor; an intra-station device; and an interface unit. According to one of the claim 43 invention features, the interface unit converts a data format of control information generated by the control processor into a format that the switch can process before the control information is sent to the intra-station device.

The clarifications are based on the original disclosure. No new matter is entered.

Claims 43 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Zoccolillo.

In the Office Action it appears that the reference's description of converting the format of a message to a different format is being equated to applicant's claimed converting a data format of the control information.

It is respectfully submitted that Zoccolillo is different from applicant's claimed invention because Zoccolillo describes, for example, converting from one spoken language to another as the converting of a format on a receiving side of a message, whereas applicant is claiming converting the format of control information performed for a switch. Also, nowhere does the reference describe that the data format is converted into a data format processed by a switch.

In contrast to applicant's claimed invention, according to the system of Zoccolillo, the processor contained in a switching apparatus acquires a fax message and sends it out to a destination address after applying to the acquired fax message a predetermined set of processes.

One of these predetermined processes is to "convert the message to a different format." Step 505 presented in Fig. 5 is an example of such conversion and it is to "convert relevant portion of the message into an ASCII file." Another example of Step 505 is a process in which a fax message produced in a foreign language is converted into that of a native language of a reception side person as described in lines 11-13 of column 11 of the specification.

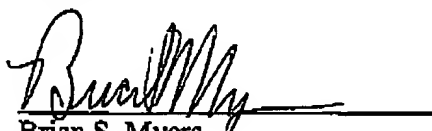
In any of the examples of the reference the "conversion," associated with Zoccolillo is performed for a benefit of the receiving side of the message. By contrast, the present invention offers a conversion that is performed for a switch.

For at least the foregoing reasons it is respectfully submitted Zoccolillo does not disclose the features associated with the present claimed invention.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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